



The RCC Weekly

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Career Services Update

The Perkins Occupational Education Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in the Great Room of the Media Arts Center. The Perkins grant funds career and vocational education at RCC. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to advise the College on aspects of the industry as they relate to RCC's career programs and to provide technical assistance to help us better prepare our students to meet the demands of the workforce when they complete their programs of study. Seventeen (17) industry representatives from Greater Boston and thirteen (13) faculty and administrators attended. RCC is pleased to have forged this partnership between the College and local industry partners and look forward to continued collaborations.

Professional Development

There are several Professional Development events on the horizon.

The College will again be offering two all-college Professional Development days in May. The **Title III Day** will be held on Tuesday, May 22 and the **Learning Academy** on Wednesday, May 23. This year's Learning Academy will offer 20-minute and 90-minute sessions, as well as poster sessions. The day will conclude with a reception and the presentation of the Through the Gateway awards. Begin thinking now about the sessions you would find useful. The call for proposals will be out in mid-February.

There will also be an opportunity to learn more about **Reading Apprenticeship** on Monday, May 21, at Northern Essex Community College. Middlesex, Northern Essex and Roxbury Community Colleges are collaborating on this free forum. Details to follow.

Earthquake Study

For the next few weeks, Gemima St. Louis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Boston University, will be conducting research on a study entitled *"The Impact of Haiti's Earthquake on the Haitian Community."* The purpose of her study is to understand how the Haitian community has been coping in the aftermath of the January 12, 2010 earthquake.



Dr. St. Louis will be collecting data from Haitian adults, 18 years and over, who agree to complete an anonymous survey about their personal experience with the earthquake. The survey will take about 45 minutes to complete and is completely voluntary. Participants can withdraw at any time during the survey. She hopes that the information will improve services and resources available to help the Haitian community heal from the disaster of the earthquake.

Dr. St. Louis is specifically interested in inviting faculty, staff, and students who were in the earthquake or who have relatives and friends affected by the earthquake. She will be located at a table in front of the cafeteria. Thursday, February 9, was her first day collecting surveys. She will return on Monday, February 13th.

Retirement Planning Seminar

"SMART Retirement & Beyond" (sponsored by State Treasurer Steven Grossman, the MA State Retirement Board and the Deferred Compensation SMART Plan) will take place in Room 121 in the Academic Building on March 29, 2012 from 6-8pm.

Call 617-367-9333 ext. 571 to register

Free Movies

Mainstage at RCC is hosting a series of free movies, which are open to the public, during the month of February (Black History Month)

Next Week:

Tue, Feb 14	11:30am	<i>Love & Basketball</i>
	7pm	<i>Clockers</i>
Thu, Feb 16	11:30am	<i>Crooklyn</i>
	7pm	TBD